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SUBJ: RESEARCH COOPERATION: SOIL MECHANICS STUDY FOR COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

1. DOT REQUESTS ON URGENT BASIS INITIATION OF STUDY, "STRESS-STRAIN RELATIONSHIPS IN SOILS FOR COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN TUNNEL ENGINEERING." THIS STUDY NEEDED FOR COMPUTER PROGRAMS UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN THE U.S. WHICH WILL BE READY TO RECEIVE YUGOSLAV INPUT IN TWO YEARS. THERE IS NO, REPEAT NO FUNDING AVAILABLE TO OBTAIN U.S. SUBSTITUTE FOR YUGOSLAV INPUT. THUS DOT PRIORITY TUNNELING PROGRAM MUCH DEPENDENT ON TIMING OF YUGOSLAV EFFORT. CONCERN IN DOT IS THAT FAILURE TO PROMPTLY START STUDY MAY RESULT IN ASSIGNMENT OF RESOURCES OF PRINCIPAL YUGOSLAV INVESTIGATOR (LJUBLJANA UNIVERSITY) TO OTHER ACTIVITIES OCCASIONING THEREBY ADDITIONAL DELAYS IN COMPLETION OF STUDY.

2. ACCORDING OUR RECORDS SUBJECT STUDY AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE

3. ACTION REQUESTSD:

BY JOINT BOARD, BUT NOT MONEY APPROVED.

1) INFORMALLY CHECK WITH YUGOSLAV PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR WHETHER A) DELAY INITIATION PROJECT WOULD INDEED RESULT IN ASSIGNMENT OF RESOURCES TO OTHER ACTIVITIES. B) DELAY TILL UNCLASSIFIED

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DECEMBER BOARD MEETING WOULD JEOPARDIZE COMPLETION OF PROJECT

SUMMER 1975.

2) IF INFO UNDER (1) ABOVE IS AFFIRMATIVE EMB IS REQUESTED TO INFORMALLY APPROACH YUGOSLAV JOINT BOARD MEMBERS AND ASCERTAIN THEIR WILLINGNESS TO APPROVE MONEY FOR THIS PROJECT PRIOR TO DECEMBER JOINT BOARD MEETING. ROGERS

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